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SUMMARY. WE TELEPHONED CHINESE MISSION LATE NOV 12 TO CONFIRM THAT IF CHINESE CONVINCED IT NECESSARY WE PREPARED TO AGREE TO FIRST COMITE CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONSENSUS AT END OF DEBATE. HOWEVER, REFLECTING ROK CONCERNS, WE WOULD HOPE THAT TWO SIDES COULD PRIVATELY AFFIRM TO FIRST COMITE CHAIRMAN AT OPENING OF DEBATE THAT BOTH SIDES HAD AGREED ON END PRODUCT CONSENSUS. END SUMMARY.

1. IMMEDIATELY AFTER CONVERSATION REPORTED REFTEL, MISOFF, FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH AMB SCALI, DISCUSSED WITH ROK COUNSELOR HAM PROBLEM OVER TIMING OF FIRST COMITE CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT. IN COURSE OF TWO TELECONS, HAM REAFFIRMED STRONG ROK DESIRE TO NAIL DOWN CONSENSUS BY HAVING CHAIRMAN READ IT AT OPENING OF DEBATE. MISOFF ASSURED HIM WE UNDERSTOOD HIS AND OTHER KEY CO-SPONSOR'S PREFERENCE FOR THIS TIMING, WHICH WE INCLINED TO SHARE, BUT SAID THAT UNDER CIRCUMSTANCE IT WAS OUR JUDGMENT THAT WE MUST FIND MEANS OF
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ACCOMMODATING CHINESE, WHO WORKING TOWARD SAME FIRST COMITE GOAL AS WE, WHILE INSURING THAT ROK INTEREST PROTECTED.

2. HAM, DISPLAYING REAL NERVOUSNESS OVER POSSIBILITY OF

MOVING INTO DEBATE WITHOUT FULL GUARANTEE AS TO HOW IT WOULD END, SAID SOME MEANS MUST BE FOUND TO HAVE PROTECTION THAT WOULD BE AFFORDED BY JOINT CONFIRMATION TO COMITE CHAIRMAN THAT, WHATEVER TRANSPIRED IN DEBATE, CONSENSUS, WITHOUT VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS, WOULD BE END RESULT. HAM URGED THAT WE FIND SOME MEANS OF ARRANGING THIS WITH CHINESE, OTHERWISE ROK WOULD BE IN POSITION OF TAKING UNWARRANTED RISK. HE SUGGESTED VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES, ALL INVOLVING SOME NOTIFICATION TO CHAIRMAN, BEFORE START OF DEBATE, OF AGREED OUTCOME. IN THIS WAY, HAM STRESSED, THERE WOULD BE A "PUBLIC WITNESS" FOR GUARANTEE AND OUTCOME WOULD NOT SIMPLY REMAIN IN CONTROL OF "PRIVATE HANDS" OF DPRK SIDE.

3. SINCE EARLIER THAYER-CHOU DISCUSSION HAD ENDED WITH AGREEMENT TO PURSUE QIDSTION FURTHER DURING EVENING, MISOFF TELEPHONED PRC MISSION, ON BASIS OF DISCUSSION WITH HAM. CHOU NOT AVAILABLE, BUT MISOFF SPOKE WITH SECOND SECRETARY KUO, WHO HAS PARTICIPATED AS INTERPRETER IN VARIOUS AMBA-SSADORIAL MEETINGS ON KOREA. KUO SAID HE FAMILIAR WITH THAYER-CHOU DISCUSSION IN LATE AFTERNOON, INCLUDING ANNOUNCEMENT TIMING PROBLEM.

4. MISOFF TOLD KUO THAT HE HAD HAD OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH SCALI AND OUR KOREAN FRIENDS. THERE WERE STILL SOME ASPECTS, GROWING FROM MISUNDERSTANDING, THAT WE ANXIOUS TO HAVE CLARIFIED. WE QUITE PREPARED TO ACCEPT CHINESE JUDGMENT THAT THEIR SITUATION REQUIRED ANNOUNCEMENT AT END OF DEBATE BUT PROBLEM CONCERNING ROK AND SOME CORE GROUP MEMBERS IS THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT PROTECTION ROK WOULD HAVE FROM DEVELOPMENT DURING DEBATE, IN ABSENCE OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT, THAT MIGHT INTERVENE AND ABORT PLANNED CONSENSUS. MISOFF REQUESTED KUO TO SUGGEST TO CHOU THWT WE WORK OUT ARRANGEMENT FOR TWO SIDES TO APPROACH COMITE CHAIRMAN ON PRIVATE BASIS BEFORE DEBATE AND CONFIRM JOINTLY, :9,*8\$3,- TIALY GIVING CHAIRMAN TEXT OF STATEMENT, THAT CONSENSUS WOULD BE END PRODUCT. MISOFF SAID THAT PROBLEM WITHOUT SUCH ARRANGEMENT IS THAT, WHILE USG PREPARED TO ACCEPT PRC
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INTENTIONS, ROK QUITE UNDERSTANDABLY FEELS THAT FOR ITS PURPOSES IT CAN'T OPERATE COMPLETELY ON SECOND PARTY'S CONFIDENCE IN THIRD PARTY'S GOOD FAITH. THUS ROK WOULD BE REASSURED BY SYMBOLIC PRELIMINARY ACTION WITH CHAIRMAN, ACTION THAT WOULD BE HANDLED PRIVATELY BUT JOINTLY.

5. MISOFF SAID HE MAKING PROPOSAL TO CHOU FOR HIS CONSIDERATION AND FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AS PRACTICAL WAY TO MEET CHINESE NEEDS AND PROVIDE SOUTH KOREANS WITH REASSURANCE OF PROTECTION THEY FEEL IS REQUIRE. KUO AGREED TO REPORT.
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